



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22, 2012**  
**Worship with the Imposition of**  
**Ashes and Holy Communion**

**Trinity Lutheran Church Greencastle, Pennsylvania**  
**The Rev. William W. DeHass, Pastor**  
**Mr. Trevor Timmons, Musician**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song #793 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**Greeting and Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 – on the insert

Psalm 51:1–17 – on the insert

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2 – on the insert

*(congregation stands)*

Gospel – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 – on the insert

Sermon

Hymn #321 “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

### **Invitation to Lent**

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and before the whole company of heaven,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault,**  
**by our own fault,**  
**by our own most grievous fault,**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living,  
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours,  
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships,  
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations,  
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,  
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn,  
and for angry deeds that harm:  
**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,  
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's  
creation...

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we  
pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with  
words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we  
receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the waters of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

### **Distribution of Communion**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion you are invited to sing these  
hymns together from ELW:608 and 472*

### **Concluding Prayer**

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.  
Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who  
are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and  
above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** - #319 “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

## **Dismissal**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **SERVING TRINITY THIS EVENING:**

Presiding Minister – The Rev. William W. DeHass

Musician – Trevor Timmons

Lay Reader – Evelyn Pensinger

Acolyte – Larsen Thomas

Ushers/Greeters – Bud and Donna Wolfe

Communion Assistants – Don and Carol Swart

Communion Presenters – Dave, Deb, Logan and Conner Cline

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